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SUBJECT: ECEVIT VISIT TO BULGARIA

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1. CONVERSATION WITH TURKISH AMBASSADOR BARUTCU
JANUARY 11 HELPED TO BRING OUT MORE DETAILS OF ECEVIT
VISIT, AS FOLLOWS:

A. ALTHOUGH BARUTCU WAS NOT PRESENT DURING
INTERVIEW BETWEEN ECEVIT AND ZHIVKOV, HE UNDERSTANDS
ECEVIT WAS FAIRLY OUTSPOKEN IN DETAILING GRIEVANCES
RE BULGARIAN POLICY TO ASSIMILATE TURKISH MINORITY,
FOR EXAMPLE, LIMITED TEACHING OF TURKISH LANGUAGE.
ZHIVKOV IS SUPPOSED TO HAVE RESPONDED IN A MANNER
THAT OPENS UP HOPE BULGARIANS MAY BE LESS RESTRICTIVE
IN FUTURE RE TEACHING OF TURKISH LANGUAGE TO CHILDREN
OF THE MINORITY.

B. QUESTION OF VISA FEES WAS ALSO DISCUSSED BUT
INCONCLUSIVELY. IT IS OF COURSE IRONIC THAT BULGARIANS,
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WHO TRY TO SELL (SOMETIMES SUCCESSFULLY, AS MOST RECENTLY
IN THE CASE OF PORTUGAL) VISA-FREE REGIMES TO WESTERN
COUNTRIES, TRY TO STONEWALL WHEN TURKS ASK FOR THE SAME
KIND OF TREATMENT. EVEN MORE IRONICALLY, BULGARIANS
PLEADED "SECURITY REQUIREMENTS" (WHICH LIE AT THE HEART
OF WESTERN RELUCTANCE TO HAVE SUCH A REGIME) WHEREAS IN
ACTUAL FACT GOB IMPOSITION OF VISA FEES ON TURKS IN

TRANSIT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH SECURITY BUT RATHER WITH
HARD CURRENCY REVENUES SQUEEZED OUT OF THOSE WORKERS.

C. ECEVIT WAS TAKEN TO RUSE AREA WHERE HE OBSERVED
NOT ONLY AN AGRO-INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX BUT ALSO ONE TURKISH
COMMUNITY WHICH SEEMS TO HAVE GOOD RELATIONS WITH THE
BULGARIANS. HIS HOST, FATHERLAND FRONT CHAIRMAN PENCHO
KUBADINSKI, IMPRESSED ECEVIT AS WELL AS OTHERS WITH HIS
KNOWLEDGE OF TURKISH (INCLUDING OLD TURKISH SONGS) AND
HIS GOOD PERSONAL RELATIONS WITH TURKISH COMMUNITY AT
RUSE, PROBABLY ONE REASON WHY ECEVIT WAS TAKEN THERE.
BUT ECEVIT ALSO NOTED THAT THE TURKS THERE SPOKE
"BROKEN" TURKISH, WHICH LED HIM TO BRING UP QUESTION OF
TURKISH MINORITY EDUCATION WHEN HE SAW ZHIVKOV.

2. FROM A BROADER POINT OF VIEW, BARUTCU NOTED,
PERHAPS THE MOST IMPORTANT REMARK WAS ZHIVKOV'S
OBSERVATION THAT HAVING ENTERTAINED BOTH DEMIREL AND
ECEVIT, GOB UNDERSTOOD THERE WERE NO SIGNIFICANT
DIFFERENCES IN APPROACHES OF THE TWO LEADERS TOWARD
BULGARIA, SO THAT ONE COULD SPEAK ON BOTH SIDES OF A
BROAD-BASED POLICY OF RAPPROCHEMENT AND COOPERATION
WHICH SHOULD HAVE ASSURANCE OF CONTINUITY.
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